

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-25 (cancelled)

26. (Currently Amended) A customer service device ~~comprising:~~ including a host machine for the vending of commercial products, said host machine including a housing to secure the commercial products to be vended, said a host machine for the vending of commercial products further comprising:

~~host processor, and a housing;~~

a coin dispenser contained in said housing;

a note acceptor-dispenser validator system contained in said housing, said note acceptor-dispenser validator system having a note validator that accepts authentic ~~for~~ accepting currency notes, determines the denomination of the notes and generates a credit signal reflecting the denomination of the received note, and issuing credits to the

a host processor contained in said housing, the host processor operative to determine whether a credit signal received from said note validator represents sufficient tender to pay for a selected item to be vended and, if sufficient credits have been received, cause to cause the dispensing of the selected commercial products; product, determine the difference between the amount represented by the credit signal and the cost of the vended item to determine the amount of change to be dispensed and generating a dispense change instruction directed to said note acceptor-dispenser validator system;

said note acceptor-dispenser validator system being further configured to accept a said dispense change instruction from said host processor to cause the processing, and based upon the dispense change instruction, determine how the dispensing of notes by said note acceptor-dispenser and coins by said coin dispenser can be combined to dispense the appropriate amount of as change as a combination of notes and coins based on the communication with said host processor, ~~wherein said acceptor-dispenser validator system is mounted in said housing,~~ said note acceptor-dispenser validator system further including;

said a note validator for receiving notes ~~and~~ having sensors for sensing data relating to the authenticity, denomination, type and condition of notes received by said note validator, said note validator generating signals corresponding to the sensed data for each received note;

a validator processor for receiving and comparing said sensed data signals with stored data to validate said notes;

a note box configured to receive and hold notes received by said note validator;

a note hopper/change dispenser for receiving and storing up to a selected number of notes of a pre-selected denomination which are received by said note validator; and

a transportation unit for transporting said notes past said sensors and for directing said notes determined to be authentic to one of said note box and said note hopper/change dispenser and for dispensing notes from said note hopper/change dispenser in response to an instruction from said validator processor.

27. (Currently Amended) A vending machine comprising:

~~a host machine~~ for the automated sale of non-monetary commercial products, said ~~host vending~~ machine including a ~~host processor, and a~~ housing to secure the commercial products to be vended, a coin dispenser and a host processor to control the electronic and mechanical operation of the vending machine, said vending machine comprising:

a note acceptor-dispenser validator system for accepting currency notes and issuing credits to the host processor to ~~cause~~ allow the host processor to control the dispensing of a ~~selected~~ the commercial products by said vending machine;

said note acceptor-dispenser validator system being further configured electrically connected to said host processor to accept a dispense change instruction from said host processor and based upon the dispense change instruction, determine how the to cause the processing, and dispensing of notes by said note acceptor-dispenser and coins by said coin dispenser can be combined to dispense the appropriate amount of change as a combination of notes and coins based on the communication with said host processor, wherein said acceptor-dispenser validator system is mounted in said housing, and said note acceptor-dispenser validator system includes;

a note validator for receiving notes and sensing data identifying the type and condition of the received notes;

a note box to hold notes received by said note validator;

a note hopper/change dispenser to temporarily hold pre-selected characteristic notes received by said note validator, said notes being available to be subsequently dispensed by said note acceptor-dispenser validator system; and

a transportation unit for transporting received notes from said note validator to one of said note box and said note hopper/change dispenser and for transporting notes from said note hopper/change dispenser out through said note validator in response to an instruction.

28. (Cancelled)

29. (Currently Amended) A vending machine for dispensing of non-monetary product, the vending machine comprising:

a host machine for the dispensing of commercial products having a housing for enclosing and displaying the commercial product, said host machine including ~~a host processor and a housing~~

a coin dispenser;

a note acceptor-dispenser validator system mounted in said host machine for accepting currency notes and issuing credits signals ~~to the host processor to cause the dispensing of the commercial products;~~

a host processor in said host machine operative to determine whether a credit signal received from said note acceptor-dispenser validator system represents sufficient tender to pay for a selected item to be vended and, if sufficient credits have been received, cause the dispensing of the selected commercial product, determine the difference between the amount represented by the credit signal and the cost of the vended item to determine the amount of change to be dispensed and generating a dispense change instruction directed to said note acceptor-dispenser validator system;

said note acceptor-dispenser validator system being further configured to accept a dispense change instruction from said host processor and based upon the dispense change

~~instruction, determine how the to cause the processing, and dispensing of notes by said note acceptor-dispenser and coins by said coin dispenser can be combined to dispense the appropriate amount of change as a combination of notes and coins and dispensing notes and coins as change based on communications with said host processor, wherein said acceptor-dispenser validator system is mounted in said housing, and said note acceptor-dispenser validator system further comprises:~~

a note validator having an opening for receiving notes and a validator head for sensing data relating to the authenticity, denomination, and type of note received by said note validator, said note validator generating signals corresponding to the sensed data for each received note;

a validator processor for receiving and comparing said sensed data signals with stored data to validate said notes and generate a signal signifying receipt and the value of said note to said host processor;

a note box configured to receive and hold notes received by said note validator;

a note hopper/change dispenser for receiving and storing pre-selected characteristic notes received by said note validator; and

a transportation unit for directing validated notes to one of said note box and said note hopper/change dispenser for dispensing notes from said note hopper/change dispenser through said opening in said note validator in response to a dispense signal.

30. (Currently Amended) The vending machine for dispensing non-monetary product of claim 29, wherein said validator head determines the value of notes dispensed by said note acceptor-dispenser prior to their being dispensed.

31. (Cancelled)

32. (Cancelled)

33. (Cancelled)

34. (Currently Amended) A vending machine for dispensing non-monetary commercial product, the vending machine comprising:

a host machine having a housing for enclosing and displaying the commercial product for the dispensing of commercial products, said host machine including a host processor, a coin dispenser and a location for a note validator ~~and a housing~~;

a note acceptor-dispenser validator system disposed in the host machine in the location for the note validator, the note acceptor-dispenser validator system including a validator for accepting currency notes and issuing credits to the host processor the host processor operative to determine whether a credit signal received from said validator represents sufficient tender to pay for a selected item to be vended and, if sufficient credits have been received, to cause the dispensing of the selected commercial products, determine the difference between the amount represented by the credit signal and the cost of the vended item to determine the amount of change to be dispensed and generating a dispense change instruction directed to said note acceptor-dispenser validator system;

said note acceptor-dispenser validator system ~~being further~~ configured to accept said a dispense change instruction from said host processor and based upon the dispense change instruction, determine how the dispensing of notes by said note acceptor-dispenser and coins by said coin dispenser can be combined to dispense the appropriate amount of change as a combination of notes and coins ~~to cause the processing, and dispensing notes and coins as~~

~~change based on communications with said host processor, wherein said acceptor-dispenser validator system is mounted in said housing, and~~ said note acceptor-dispenser validator system further comprises:

said a note validator having an opening for receiving notes and a validator head for sensing data relating to the authenticity, denomination, and type of note received by said note validator, said note validator generating signals corresponding to the sensed data for each received note;

a validator processor for receiving and comparing said sensed data signals with stored data to validate said notes and generate a signal signifying receipt and the value of said note to said host processor;

a note box configured to receive and hold notes received by said note validator;

a note hopper for receiving and storing pre-selected characteristic notes received by said note validator; and

a transportation unit for directing validated notes to one of said note box and said note hopper for dispensing notes from said note hopper through said opening in said note validator in response to a dispense signal.

35. (Currently Amended) The vending machine for dispensing non-monetary commercial product of claim 34, wherein said validator head determines the value of notes dispensed by said note acceptor-dispenser prior to their being dispensed.